

## DESIGN CRITERIA AND OPTIONS FOR THE VT PES WORKING GROUP

**Draft Goal:** *Through a voluntary Payment for Ecosystem (PES) Services program, incentivize the ingenuity and expertise of Vermont farmers to produce superior environmental outcomes that benefit the farmer, the farm, the landscape, and the State of Vermont.*

**NOTE:** The matrix below is intended to be a tool to help focus the the conversation around designing a PES program tailored for Vermont. The PES Working Group will decide on both the criteria and options as we proceed with work together.

<b>Program Design Criteria</b>	<b>Option #1</b>	<b>Option #2</b>	<b>Option #3</b>
<i>What ecosystem services should we pilot?</i>			
<i>What other ecosystem services should we fold in over time?</i>			
<i>What indicators and metrics do we use for the services?</i>			
<i>Actions versus outcomes (practices versus results)</i>			
<i>What model (s) should we use?</i>			
<i>What is the baseline?</i>			
<i>On what scale of farm do we focus?</i>			
<i>On what geography do we focus?</i>			
<i>How do we determine payments?</i>			
<i>How long are payments intended for?</i>			
<i>Who funds the program</i>			
<i>Who administers the program?</i>			